Subject Areas Assessed by NAEP

Year	NATION	STATE NAEP	
	Main Assessment	Long-Term Trend	
1998	Civics, Reading, Writing		Reading Grades 4, 8 Writing Grade 8
1997	Arts (Grade 8)		
1996	Mathematics, Science	Mathematics, Science, Reading, Writing	Mathematics Grades 4, 8 Science Grade 8*
1994	Geography, U.S. History, Reading	Mathematics, Science, Reading, Writing	Reading <sup>3</sup> Grade 4
1992	Mathematics, Reading, Writing,	Mathematics, Science, Reading, Writing	Mathematics <sup>3</sup> Grades 4, 8 Reading <sup>3</sup> Grade 4
1990	Mathematics, Science, Reading	Mathematics, Science, Reading, Writing	Mathematics <sup>3</sup> Grade 8
1988	Civics, Document Literacy <sup>2</sup> , Geography <sup>2</sup> , U.S. History, Reading, Writing	Civics <sup>1</sup> Mathematics, Science, Reading, Writing	Since 1994, states have assessed nonpublic schools as well as public schools.
1986	Computer Competence, U.S. History <sup>2</sup> , Literature <sup>2</sup> Mathematics, Science, Reading	Mathematics, Science, Reading <sup>4</sup>	*Department of Defense schools were assessed at Grades 4 and 8.
1984	Reading, Writing	Reading, Writing	
1981 - 19825	Mathematics, Science, Citizenship/Social Studies <sup>1</sup>	Mathematics <sup>1</sup> , Science <sup>1</sup>	
1979 - 1980	Reading/Literature, Art	Reading <sup>1</sup>	
1978 - 1979	Art, Music, Writing		
1977 - 1978	Consumer Skills <sup>2</sup> , Mathematics	Mathematics <sup>1</sup>	
1976 - 1977	Basic Life Skills <sup>2</sup> , Science	Science <sup>1</sup>	
1975 - 1976	Citizenship/Social Studies, Mathematics <sup>2</sup>	Citizenship/Social Studies <sup>1</sup>	
1974 - 1975	Art, Index of Basic Skills, Reading	Reading <sup>1</sup>	
1973 - 1974	Career and Occupational Development, Writing		
1972 - 1973	Mathematics, Science	Mathematics <sup>1</sup> , Science <sup>1</sup>	
1971 - 1972	Music, Social Studies		
1970 - 1971	Literature, Reading	Reading¹	
1969 - 1970	Citizenship, Science, Writing	Science <sup>1</sup>	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This assessment appears in reports as part of long-term trend. Note that the Civics assessment in 1988 is the third point in trend with Citizenship/Social Studies in 1981-1982 and in 1975-1976. There are no points on the trend line for Writing before 1984.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> This was a small, special-interest assessment administered to limited national samples at specific grades or ages and was not part of a main assessment. Note that this chart includes only assessments administered to in-school samples; not shown are several special NAEP assessments of adults.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> State assessments in 1990-19 94 were referred to as Trial State Assessments (TSAs).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The 1986 long-term trend Reading assessment is not included on the trend line in reports because the results for this assessment were unusual. Further information on this reading anomaly is available in Beaton and Zwick (1990).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Explanation of format for Year column: Before 1984, the main NAEP assessments were administered in the fall of one year through the spring of the next. Beginning with 1984, the main NAEP was administered after the new year in the winter, although the assessments to measure long-term trend continued with their traditional administration in fall, winter, and spring. Because the main assessment is the largest component of NAEP, beginning with 1984 we have listed its administration year rather than the two years over which trend continued to be administered. Note also that the state component is administered at essentially the same time as the main NAEP.